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TAGS: CGEN (SOKOL, RONALD P.)

SUBJECT: INCLUSION ON LIST OF ATTORNEYS

REF: CONGEN LETTER TO SOKOL DATED 3/17/77

1. CONGEN'S LETTER CORRECTLY STATES 7 FAM REQUIREMENT THAT ATTORNEYS ON LIST RESIDE IN POST'S CONSULAR DISTRICT. DEPT UNABLE TO LOCATE ANY BACKGROUND ON THIS REQUIREMENT, SO WE CONCLUDE ITS PURPOSE IS TO SIMPLIFY USE OF LIST BY EXCLUDING LAWYERS WHO WILL NOT BE READILY AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION BY REASON OF RESIDENCE OUTSIDE DISTRICT. PRACTICE ALSO CUTS OUT WASTE RESULTING FROM DUPLICATE LISTING OF ATTORNEY WHO HAS OFFICE IN ONLY ONE DISTRICT. IN THIS CASE, ATTORNEY HAS AGREED TO BE AVAILABLE IN BARCELONA DISTRICT SO NEITHER BASIS FOR HIS EXCLUSION SEEMS TO APPLY. REQUIREMENT SHOULD THEREFORE BE WAIVED IN THIS CASE, SUBJECT TO CONDITION IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH.

2. MANY COUNTRIES RESTRICT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES OF NON-RESIDENT FOREIGNERS, PARTICULARLY ATTORNEYS. SPAIN MAY BE ONE. IN EVENT IT IS, CONGEN MIGHT APPEAR TO CONTRAVENE
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SPANISH LAW (OR ASSIST IN VIOLATION OF SPANISH LAW) BY PUBLISHING SOKOL'S NAME IN LIST OF ATTORNEYS. TO AVOID SUCH AN APPEARANCE, CONGEN SHOULD ASK SOKOL TO SECURE WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM COLEGIO DE ABOGADOS AS PREREQUISITE TO HIS INCLUSION ON LIST OF ATTORNEYS. IF THERE ARE ANY RESTRICTIONS ON SOKOL'S PRACTICE (E.G. ONLY PERMITTED TO

ADVISE ON MATTERS OF AMERICAN LAW) THEY SHOULD BE
MENTIONED ON LIST, TOGETHER WITH FACT THAT SOKOL RESIDES
FRANCE, VISITS SPAIN MONTHLY.

3. IF POST CONCURS IN FOREGOING, PLEASE INFORM MR. SOKOL.
IF POST DISAGREES, PLEASE ADVISE DEPT OF REASONS. CHRISTOPHER

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